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SHEEP'S
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IT'S BIHAN'S NEURO-TOXIN.
I SUSPECT IT'S THE SAME ONE SHE DOSED ME WITH BEFORE.
BACK THEN...


THIS POISON GRADUALLY EATS AWAY AT THE NERVOUS SYSTEM, ULTIMATELY RESULTING IN DEATH.
WHEN I WAS AFFECTED, MY WHOLE BODY WAS IN INTENSE PAIN. I COULDN'T MOVE MY LIMBS OR EVEN TALK.
WHY WOULD ... ...SHE DO THIS?
STILL, THE DOSE ISN'T LETHAL.
SHE MUST HAVE SOME ULTERIOR MOTIVE.
AT ANY RATE, WE NEED THE ANTIDOTE. I'LL RETURN TO SARUTO AND GET SOME.
SHE MIGHT HAVE IMPROVED THE POISON. THE ANTIDOTE WE USED BEFORE MIGHT NOT WORK ANYMORE.
STILL ... WE HAVE TO TRY TO SAVE HIM.
I'LL GO WITH YOU.
THANKS, BUT IT'LL BE LESS CONSPICUOUS IF I'M ALONE.
YOU SHOULD STAY WITH HIM...
THIS PAIN!
RATRI!!
PAIN


OUT-SIDE!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP


MARIA ...
WONDERING WHY I'M HERE?
JUST LIKE YOU CAN SENSE IF I'M CLOSE...
...I CAN ALSO LOCATE YOU BY THE CHIP IN YOUR HEAD.
REMEMBER?
RUSTLE
...
SHE'S ...


SHE'S ...
...MY BROTHER'S KILLER!!
BIHAN !!
GET DOWN HERE AND FACE ME!
NINO, WAIT.
SHUT UP! LET ME GO!


HAVE YOU ...
...ANY IDEA HOW MANY OF MINE SHE'S KILLED?
TOGETHER WITH *SCATTER*, SHE LAID WASTE TO MY BROTHER AND COUNTLESS MEN!
SHE DESERVES TO DIE TEN BILLION TIMES OVER. IF YOU UNDERSTAND, LET GO OF ME!
I UNDER-STAND, BUT YOU HAVE TO HOLD BACK!
YES.
IF YOU DON'T HEAR ME OUT, MORE PEOPLE WILL SOON DIE.
RIGHT, RATRI?
SO... YOU WANT *ISIS*?
WORD TRAVELS FAST.
YES. MY CLIENT HAS REQUESTED IT.


ISIS AND THE THREE MOON GODDESSES.
THE POISON WILL KILL COYOTE IN 48 HOURS.
IF YOU VALUE HIS LIFE, GIVE ME THE THREE GODDESSES ALONG WITH ISIS.
DO YOU THINK HE'D REALLY BUY THAT?
STAGGER
THERE'S ...
...NO WAY...
COYOTE!!


GO BACK TO YOUR CLIENT.
GO BACK TO BERNARDINO AND TELL HIM...
I'VE TOLD YOU, THE GODDESSES WILL BE YOURS OVER MY DEAD BODY. I WILL DIE PROTECTING THEM IF I HAVE TO.
HA. IMPRESSIVE. NOT EVERYONE CAN MOVE IN THAT CONDITION.
LET'S SEE HOW ENERGETIC YOU ARE AFTER 48 HOURS. I'LL BE IN TOUCH.
WAIT! DAMN YOU!
TMP
URK ...
ARE YOU OKAY?!
SLIDE


MARIA
...
...
HEY.
IT'S TIME...
...EXPLAIN.


WHAT ARE THE THREE MOON GODDESSES?
SO, YOU'RE BACK.
EVERY-THING WENT AS PLANNED ??
YES.
I EXPECTED NOTHING LESS.
CREAK
TELL ME.
WHY DO YOU HAVE IT IN FOR PRESIDENT RESINOS?
BECAUSE YOU LOST THE ELEC-TION?
I WONDER WHAT HE WILL DO. WILL HE ATTEMPT TO RESCUE HIS SON, DISREGARDING APPEARANCES? THEN AGAIN, HE MIGHT HOLD OFF AND LET HIS OWN SON DIE. EITHER WAY SHOULD BE MOST ENTERTAINING.
RESINOS'S FACE WILL BE A SIGHT TO BEHOLD WHEN HE FINDS OUT.


MY FAMILY IS FROM SILVANA. MY FATHER WAS A TOP OFFICIAL IN THE MILITARY, AND MY MOTHER WAS NOBILITY.
AFTER GRADUATING FROM A TOP-LEVEL FEDERATE UNIVERSITY, I ATTENDED MILITARY SCHOOL. AFTER THAT I MADE MY CAREER AS A STAFF OFFICER.
ON THE OTHER HAND, RESINOS STUDIED IN THE FACULTY OF LAW IN SOME LOW-RANKING UNIVERSITY. HE WENT FROM AN ATTORNEY TO A POLITICIAN'S SECRETARY AND STARTED HIS POLITICAL CAREER FROM THERE.
YOU SEE...
I ALWAYS HAD EVERYTHING BETTER THAN HIM.
WHAT'S MORE, HIS FAMILY IS FROM AKATSUKI.
HAVING BEEN BORN *THERE*...
WITH ALL RESPECT, OF COURSE...
...HOW DO YOU IMAGINE HE HAS MANAGED TO CONTROL ME AND OTHER SENATORS AND BECOME PRESIDENT? HIS GRANDFATHER WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY POLITICIAN. HE WAS THE FIRST CIVILIAN TO BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION.
IT SEEMS THAT RESINOS IS THE SPITTING IMAGE OF HIS GRANDFATHER.


THEY GET CARRIED AWAY BY SIMPLE, CATCHY ICONS WITHOUT A SINGLE THOUGHT TO WHERE THIS COUNTRY IS GOING.
IT'S AN UNIMAGINABLE DISGRACE A TESTAMENT TO THE STUPIDITY OF THE PUBLIC!
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON HE MANAGED... ...TO GET MORE SUPPORT THAN ME, A FAR MORE EXPERIENCED LEADER.
GRUNCH
THAT'S WHY I WILL SET THINGS RIGHT.
I'LL SHOW THE PEOPLE WHO IS TRULY DESERVING TO LEAD!


THIS TIME, I WILL GAIN CONTROL OF THE THREE GODDESSES.
ISIS...
IS A REMOTE-OPERATED ASSAULT-TYPE KILLER SATELLITE.
THERE ARE THREE ACCESS TERMINALS FOR IT ON EARTH. THEY'RE CALLED ARTEMIS, SERENA, AND HECATE.
SERENA LIES BENEATH THE SARUTO HQ.
HUUUH ?!
ARTEMIS IS AT THE YOI-YAMI HQ...
...AND HECATE IS INSTALLED AT THE HIGH NOON HQ.
HEY!
NOT FAIR! WHY IS MAINA THE ONLY ONE WITHOUT ONE?!
YOU'RE SO LOUD
IT NEVER HEARD OF THAT
THERE WAS AN INCIDENT WITH THE TERMINALS.


THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO HIJACK ISIS... ...AND USE IT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT RESINOS AND THUS PREVENT HIM FROM BEING RE-ELECTED.
ISIS WAS ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED TO PROTECT THE FORMER PRESIDENT, RESINOS'S GRANDFATHER. THE PLAN WAS TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE SATELLITE AND HACK IT SO THAT INSTEAD IT WOULD ATTACK RESINOS.
COYOTE WAS THE ONE WHO WORKED TO PREVENT THAT AND RECOVER ISIS.
ISIS RESPONDS TO THE DNA OF THE RESINOS FAMILY. HE OVERWROTE HIS FATHER'S DATA WITH HIS OWN AND MADE THE SATELLITE TARGET HIMSELF.
WOW...
ALL THAT TO PROTECT HIS FATHER?
AND THAT'S NOT ALL.


WHILE DOING HIS DUTY...
...HE FOUND SOMEONE HE WANTS TO PROTECT WITH HIS LIFE.
HMPH
SO...
THE CULPRIT FROM BEFORE IS TRYING TO USE ISIS FOR SOMETHING AGAIN?
THAT'S WHY COYOTE WAS DRUGGED ??
YES.
IF THAT SATELLITE FALLS INTO THEIR HANDS, WON'T THE WHOLE CITY BE OCCUPIED?
...YEAH.
PRETTY MUCH.


SO HE'S JUST GOING TO DIE?
I DON'T WANT...
...TO LET THAT HAPPEN, BUT...
I'M SURE HE MEANT WHAT HE SAID.
I'VE TOLD YOU, THE GODDESSES WILL BE YOURS OVER MY DEAD BODY.
I WILL DIE PROTECTING THEM IF I HAVE TO.
I'M SURE...
...I WOULD DO THE SAME.


I'D DIE TO PROTECT SOMEONE I LOVE.
MOST-- LIKELY...
I WOULDN'T EVEN REGRET IT.


THUMP
THUMP
HEY! WAKE UP!!
I'M SURE HIS LOVER WILL BE HEART-BROKEN.
CHIRP
CHIRP


RETALIATION FOR THE MARTIAL LAW?
FEDERAL MILITARY COLONEL IN CRITICAL CONDITION
NO TIME TO BE DOZING OFF!
WHAT IS IT?
LOOK AT THIS!
?!


IT IS BELIEVED THAT GANG MEMBERS FROM THE PREVIOUSLY BLOCKADED TOWN AKATSUKI ARE BEHIND THIS CRIMINAL ACT. THE PUBLIC OPINION CALLS FOR THE MILITARY TO MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO ARREST THESE CRIMINALS.
A COLONEL OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY HAS BEEN POISONED IN A COWARDLY MANNER AND REMAINS IN CRITICAL CONDITION.


ARE YOU SERIOUS?! THE POLICE ARE EVERY-WHERE!
IT'S A TRAP.
WHAT?!
YES!
KAI, LET'S GO.
CLICK
THIS IS HORRIBLE. THEY'RE THROWING AROUND FALSE ACCUSA-TIONS AFTER POISONING HIM!
HUH?!
WE'RE TRYING TO LURE THEM OUT.
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP


WHERE ARE THEY?!
WE LOST THEM.
NO! THERE THEY ARE!
DAMN IT!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
BLAM
SORRY!!
THUMP THUMP
AGH?!


DID WE LOSE THEM?
HALT!
THIEF!
CLANK!


HUH?!
STOP RIGHT THERE!
FREEZE, OR I'LL SHOOT!!


WHY...


...ARE YOU POINTING THAT THING AT ME?!
THUNK
URGH ...
SLUMP
HEY! ARE YOU OKAY?!
BASTARD! STAND DOWN, OR ELSE!
NO!
BUT...
THEY'RE WANTED UN-HARMED.
WE'LL JUMP THEM ALL AT ONCE AND CAPTURE THEM.
INCH

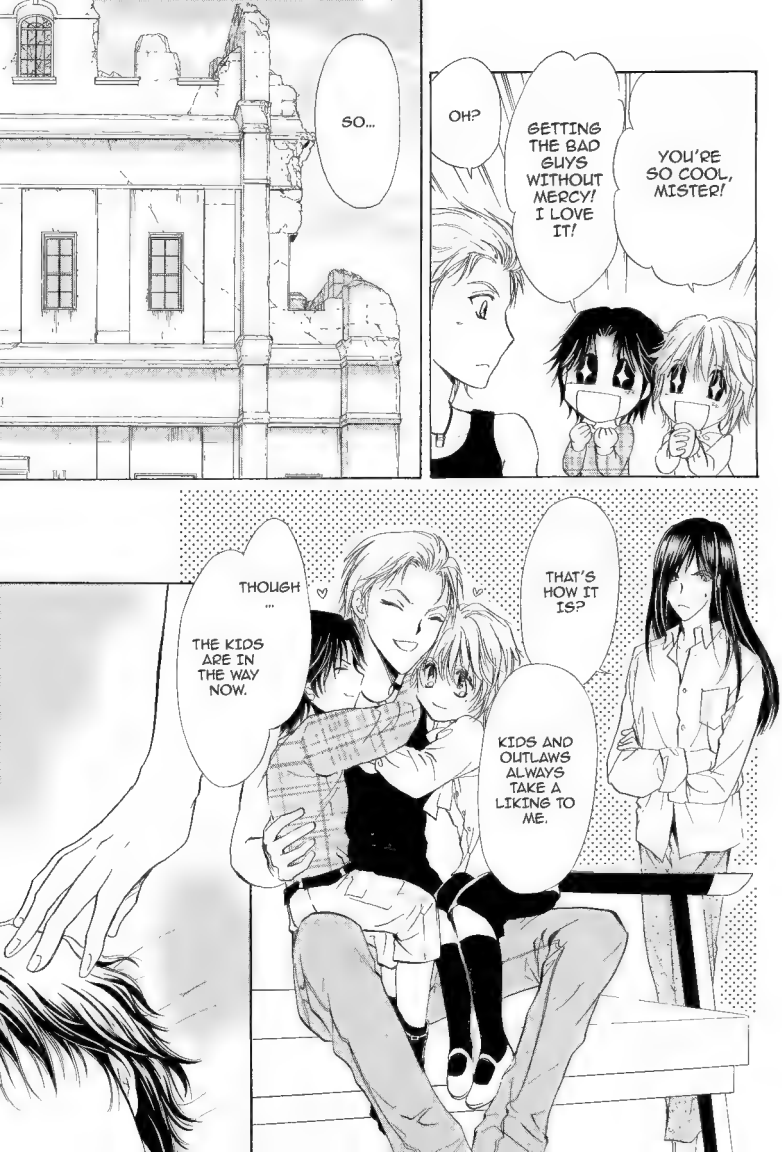

NOW!
UAGH?!
SLASH


THUD
WHA-
AGH!
SWISH
...IT'S BEEN A WHILE.


NOZOMI.
WHOA.
I'M GETTING DEJA VU.


GOOD TO SEE YOU.
KAI, RATRI.
YOU SAVED US
SOMA.
GYOKU-TO.
IT'S OKAY. COME ON OUT.
WE MISSED YOU!
YAY! IT'S KAI!
ARE YOU BOTH OKAY?
OF COURSE!
D-DAMN...
GYAH?!
STAB


HOW ABOUT I KILL JUST ONE? TO SET AN EXAMPLE.
BIG MISTAKE. YOU FORGOT ABOUT YOUR REAR.
UAAGH !!
PLEASE DON'T.
WE SHOULDN'T KILL IN VAIN.
COME OOON! AT LEAST SAY THANK YOU!
I JUST SAVED YOU!
GRUMBLE
THANK YOU! NOW, LEAVE HIM BE!
WHO'S THE BRUTE?
HE'S THE LEADER OF MAINA.
SERI-OUSLY?
HE LOOKS SCARY
STAAARE
HM?! WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?!


SO...
OH?
GETTING THE BAD GUYS WITHOUT MERCY! I LOVE IT!
YOU'RE SO COOL, MISTER!
THOUGH ...
THE KIDS ARE IN THE WAY NOW.
THAT'S HOW IT IS?
KIDS AND OUTLAWS ALWAYS TAKE A LIKING TO ME.


COYOTE.
OH, YOU...
FSHH
I WAS WONDER-ING WHAT KEPT YOU...
FSHH
...AND HERE YOU WERE, ON YOUR DEATH-BED.
I SAW THE NEWS.
I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT, SO I THOUGHT WE'D COME HERE TO SEE FOR OUR-SELVES.
BUT WE GOT CHASED BY THOSE MEN AS SOON AS WE STEPPED OUTSIDE...


I BET...
...YOU PUT YOURSELF IN THE LINE OF FIRE AGAIN.
DID IT...
...HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH US?
HEY.
CAN'T YOU...
...HEAR MY VOICE?!


WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW?
RATRI ...
KAI.
TELL ME.


THEY GOT AWAY?!
DAMN IT!
USELESS GRUNTS!
IT'S OKAY.
WHAT IS?
I'M SURE THEY WON'T ABANDON COYOTE.
SINCE THEY'RE SO SOFT.
HE'S NOT THE RATPI I USED TO KNOW.
WELL, THEN.
LET ME REINTRO-DUCE YOU.


GYOKUTO.
SOMA.
NOZOMI.
THEY ARE...
...WHAT MARIA...
...WHAT BIHAN WANTS.
THE THREE GODDESSES.


HUH?!
GOODNESS!
THEY ARE THE DESCENDANTS OF THE EXPERTS WHO CREATED ISIS.
THE TERMINALS CONTROLLING ISIS WERE BUILT TO REACT TO THEIR DNA.
GYOKUTO'S DNA GOVERNS ARTEMIS, THE GODDESS WITH THE POWER OF THE WAXING MOON.
NOZOMI GOVERNS SERENA, THE GODDESS OF THE FULL MOON...
...AND SOMA GOVERNS HECATE, THE GODDESS OF THE WANING MOON.
WHEN ALL THREE TERMINALS ARE ACTIVATED BY THE GODDESSES, ISIS AWAKENS.





END


IN ANY CASE...
YOU KNOW WHAT MY ANSWER IS.
KAI.
RATRI.
NO MATTER WHAT YOU OR COYOTE MIGHT HAVE TO SAY ABOUT IT...
I WON'T LET HIM DIE.


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AND INSTEAD OF HELPING COYOTE...
...YOU'RE GOING STRAIGHT TO BER-NARDINO?
ARE YOU SAYING THAT THESE THREE CONTROL THE CRAZY DANGEROUS KILLER SATELLITE?
HEY, NOW. WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
NO, NINO. PLEASE WAIT.
HEY! KAI! WE NEED TO KILL THEM!!
THE MINUTE YOU GET THERE THAT SATELLITE IS GOING TO ATTACK US!!
I HAVE AN IDEA ABOUT THAT.


AN IDEA...?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SWISH
OUT.
!!
IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS! THE POLICE MIGHT BE NEARBY.
PLEASE COME BACK!
...I KNEW IT.
HUH?
FLAP


UAGH ?!
FLAP
FLAP
CROWS ?!
RATRI. ARE THEY FROM....?
YEAH. NARADA SENT THEM.
I THOUGHT THEY'D BE ARRIVING SOON.
THANKS. TAKE THIS TO NARADA.
FLAP FLAP
IF THE FEDERATION IS MONITORING ALL COMMUNICATIONS, *THIS* IS THE BEST WAY TO SEND A MESSAGE.


WE'RE GOING TO NEED THE HELP OF YOI-YAMI TOWN AND HIGH NOON FOR MY PLAN.
A RE-QUEST.
ALERTED BY NARADA ??
*HUSH
THEY'LL BE SHOCKED.
AH.
*HE'S BE BACK.


GOOD BOY.
WELL DONE.
LOOKS LIKE RATRI NOTICED THEM.
WHAT DOES IT SAY?
...
...HE'S GONE MAD.
LET ME SEE.
WHOA. HE'S CRAZY.
RIGHT ??


IT'S PURE MAD-NESS ...
...BUT A GOOD PLAN FOR RATRI.
CHK
LET'S GIVE THE FEDERATION SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT, DARLING.
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY WHEN YOU'D AGREE WITH RATRI.
LET'S DO THIS, HONEY.


FIRST OFF, LET'S CONTACT HIGH NOON.
HUUUH ?!
YOU BAS-TARD...
YOU REALLY PLAN ON DOING THAT?!
I'VE ALREADY CONTACTED YOI-YAMI TOWN AND HIGH NOON.
THIS IS THE ONLY WAY...
...TO SAVE COYOTE WHILE NOT YIELDING TO THE FEDERATION.
BIHAN'S POISON WILL KILL HIM IN TWO DAYS.
THERE'S NO TIME TO HESITATE.


NOZOMI, GYOKUTO, AND SOMA WILL WAIT FOR BIHAN HERE.
BEFORE THAT, YOU NEED TO TELL ME WHERE *HE* IS.
WHO?
OH...
JIN AND NINO SHOULD RETURN TO SARUTO AND MAINA AT ONCE.
TELL EVERYONE OF THE PLAN.


I SEE.
YOU NEED HIS HELP.
KAI WILL GO MEET HIM.
YES.
SO... WHAT WILL YOU DO?


...
I'LL STAY HERE AND PROTECT THE GODDESSES WHILE WE WAIT FOR BIHAN.
DON'T WORRY. THERE'S NO TIME FOR US TO FIGHT RIGHT NOW. I BET IT'S THE SAME FOR THEM.
...YES.


I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
STAY SAFE!
YOU TOO.
UGH
WHY DO I NEED TO TAKE ORDERS FROM SARUTO'S BOSS?
I'M GOING TO NEED A SMOOCH FROM KAI TO MAKE ENDS MEET.
SURE.
HUH?
I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
SMOOCH


SLIDE
YOU ...!
YOU THINK I'M LIKE YOUR LITTLE BROTHER OR SOMETHING, DON'T YOU?!
YEAH. SORRY.
THAT'S NOT RIGHT! YOU'RE THE KILLER OF MY BROTHER!!
YES, BUT...
I WANT YOU TO LIVE FOR D-DOG, TOO.
I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET HURT OR SICK.
I GET THAT IT'S NOT SOMETHING I SHOULD SAY TO THE BOSS OF MAINA.
JUST PLEASE, STAY SAFE.
I...
...HAVE NO INTENTION OF MAKING FRIENDS WITH YOU PEOPLE. THIS IS JUST A TEMPORARY CEASE-FIRE.
CLANK
THUD


BAM
HEY!
IGNORE HIM.
HE'S JUST SHY...
...000
LITTLE BROTHER, YOU SAY?!
ONE DAY YOU'LL BE BEGGING ME TO HOLD YOU!!
SNAP
HUH?
I'LL BE FINE.
YOUR HAND?
GRAB
JIN.
YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL, TOO.
AIA
CLANK


...STAY SAFE!
NO, IT'S JUST...
RATRI ...
YOU SHOULD GO, TOO.
... YES.
... THEY'RE ALL SHY.
HEY, WHAT DID I SAY?
KAI IS POPULAR.


NOZOMI.
HIS LOCA-TION?
YES. HERE...
OH!
RATRI...
HURRY BACK.
OKAY?


I WILL!
WOW. YOU GET JEALOUS?
LOOKS LIKE LOTS OF PEOPLE WANT KAI.
OF COURSE.
HOW SO?


YOU SEE...
IF ANYTHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO ME, HE'D BE SARUTO'S NEW BOSS.
YES...
HE'S STILL UNWELL.


HE'S NOT REACTING TO ANYTHING. OTHERWISE, HE IS COMPLETELY HEALTHY.
IT SEEMS THE MENTAL SHOCK WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM.
IT'S NO WONDER. SEEING YOUR FAMILY GET KILLED IN FRONT OF YOU...
IT WAS A TRAGIC INCIDENT. I'M SURE MAYOR RADA HAD HIS REGRETS, TOO.
WE WILL MAKE SURE TO CAPTURE THE DEGENER-ATES.
STILL, YOU ARE DEALING WITH ORGANIZED CRIME. BE CAREFUL, SENATOR.
THANK YOU, DOCTOR.
I'LL CALL ON YOU AGAIN.
HA.
CLANK
YES, IT WAS...
... REGRET-TABLE WHAT HAPPENED TO MAYOR RADA.


CLANK
WASN'T THAT...
...YOUR PLAN?
THE PUBLIC WILL REMEMBER THIS INCIDENT WITH SADNESS AND ANGER, AS WILL I.
TRULY...
GOING TO SAVE HIS BELOVED GRANDSON...
...ONLY TO FALL TO AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET.
HE WAS A TRAGIC HERO.
HOW ABOUT CAPTURING THE DEGENERATES, SENATOR?
NOW THAT BOTH THE PERPETRATOR AND THE MASTERMIND ARE IN THE SAME ROOM.
OH. YOU.
YOU STARTLED ME.
HIS DEATH...
...WAS A NOBLE SACRIFICE.


THE CITY THAT CARRIES THE NAME OF HIS BELOVED FLORIA.
UNFORTUNATELY, HE WAS LEFT US.
...BUT HIS DREAM IS ABOUT TO BE REALIZED!
HE WANTED TO CONTROL THAT LAWLESS CITY...
...AND RESTORE IT TO THE BEAUTIFUL PLACE IT ONCE WAS
ALTHOUGH... FLORIA HIMSELF DOESN'T EVEN KNOW HIS OWN NAME AT THIS POINT.
YES. AT LAST THE THREE ISIS SIBLINGS WILL BE MINE.
WE DON'T KNOW THAT YET...
...BUT MOST LIKELY
CLANK
I'LL HEAD TO RATRI AND SEE WHAT HIS FINAL ANSWER IS.
STILL, YOUR SKILL WAS EXCEPTIONAL.
I'M GOING TO HAVE FURTHER USE FOR YOU


..DID YOU HEAR?
CREAK
キィ…
YES.
THEY KILLED HIS GRAND-FATHER.
THUMP
THUMP
FLORIA.
GET UP, FLORIA.
YOU HEARD THEM, DIDN'T YOU?
WAKE UP.
YOU NEED TO GET UP.
WE KNOW YOU'RE SAD.
DO IT FOR YOUR GRAND-FATHER.
AT THIS RATE, THEY'LL JUST USE YOU.


FLORIA.
WAKE UP!!
MAINA HQ
BOSS!!
GOOD TO SEE THAT YOU'RE SAFE!
WE WERE AFRAID THE FEDERATION GOONS HAD CAUGHT YOU.
YEAH, SORRY TO MAKE YOU WORRY.
WE WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT WE'D DO IF SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED TO YOU.
WELCOME HOME!


SORRY, GUYS. I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE WARM RECEPTION, BUT THERE'S NO TIME FOR IT.
HEY! GATHER ALL THE CAPTAINS!
I HAVE IMPORTANT NEWS.
WHAT IS IT, BOSS?
JUST DO IT! THERE'S REALLY NO TIME!
YES!
RATRI BARLA...
...IS GOING TO ATTEMPT SOME-THING INSANE.
JIN!


I'M BACK.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE.
WHERE'S RATRI AND KAI?
WEREN'T THEY WITH YOU?
I BROUGHT AN IMPORTANT ORDER FROM THE BOSS.
GATHER EVERYONE YOU CAN.
IT'S A FIGHT AGAINST TIME!
HIGH NOON HQ
WHAT?!


HIGH NOON HAS NO BOSS?!
YES... THE CAPTAINS HAVE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO KEEP THE WHEELS TURNING AFTER DANIEL DIED, BUT...
WHY NOT JUST CHOOSE A NEW BOSS FROM AMONG THEM?
THEY CAN'T REALLY DO THAT...
WHY NOT?
DANIEL NAMED HIS SUCCESSOR BEFORE HE DIED.
IRK
WELL...
IF HE'S BEEN NAMED, WHY HASN'T HE TAKEN LEAD?
I HAVE IMPORTANT BUSINESS!
CLACK
...HE'S BECOME UNABLE TO MOVE.


THAT'D BE ME.
YES, MR. NARADA...


I'M THE NEXT BOSS OF HIGH NOON.
HAVE YOU...
...MADE UP YOUR MIND?


YES.
THE THREE OF US WILL GO TO HIM.
GIVE US THE ANTIDOTE FOR COYOTE.
SAVE HIM...!
HOW NOBLE.
VERY WELL. LET'S GO.
THE ANTI-DOTE FIRST!
WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE UNTIL I SEE THAT HE'S RECOVERING.
ONCE I KNOW THAT HE'LL BE OKAY...
...I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU SAY. PLEASE.


PLEASE ...!
...
FINE.
CLACK
CLACK
WHERE IS HE?
LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.
IN THE BACK ROOM IN THE BASEMENT.
DON'T JUST STAND THERE.
COME ON.


COYOTE.
HAVE HIM DRINK THIS.
IT'S THE ANTI-DOTE.
DOES IT HURT?
YOU'LL FEEL BETTER SOON.
HIS MOUTH IS PROBABLY DRY. YOU SHOULD MOISTEN IT A LITTLE.


...
OKAY.
GULP
COYOTE.


I'M GOING TO GO AWAY FOR A BIT.
...
IF YOU JUST LIVE...
I'LL BE OKAY.
I'LL BE BACK.


GRAB
...!
!!
RUSTLE
BEAR WITH ME.


THANKS.
WHAT FOR?
THE ANTI-DOTE. IT WAS REAL.
THANK YOU FOR SAVING HIM.
...ZOMI...!
SILLY BOY. I'M THE ONE WHO POISONED HIM, AND YOU THANK ME?
STILL, HE'LL BE OKAY.
HE ALWAYS PUTS HIMSELF IN DANGER.
THANK YOU FOR NOT DECEIVING US.

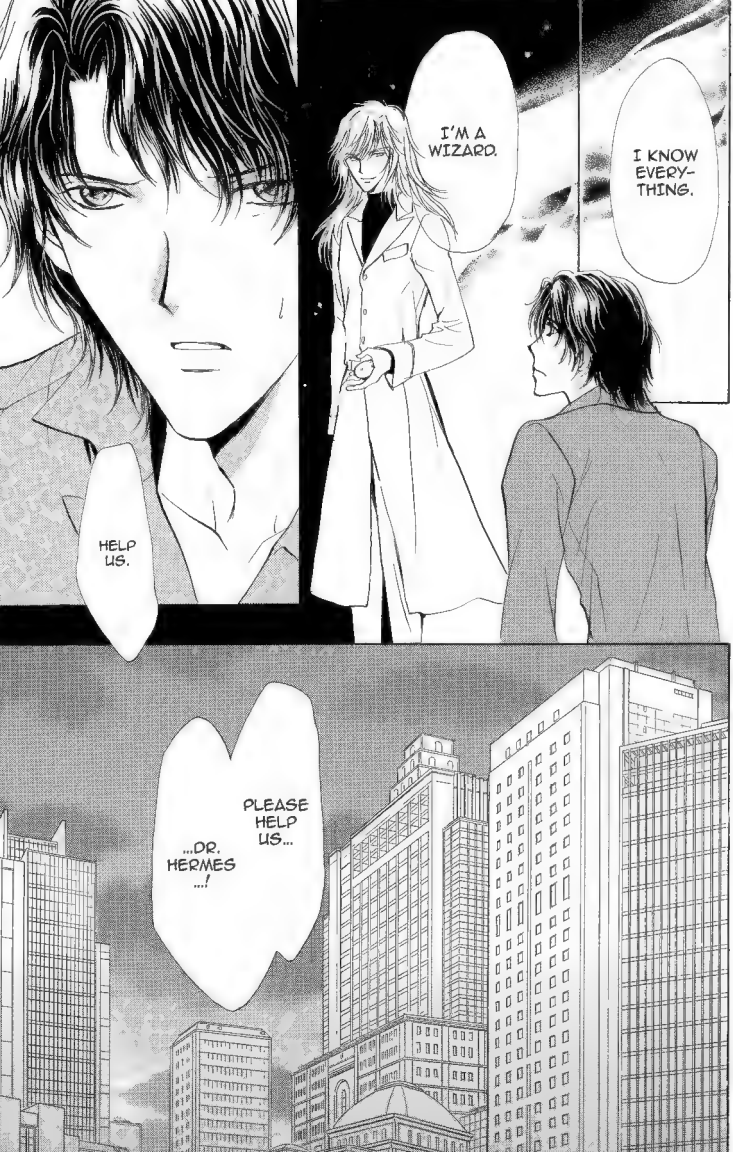

YOU'RE THE ONES WHO SAVED HIM.
WHAT GREAT DEVO-TION.
NOW, GET ON.
WE'RE GOING TO MEET MY CLIENT.
パラ
PAPA
パラ
PAPA
パラ
PAPA


I THINK IT'S AROUND HERE...
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
?!
SHOOSH
?? YOU WANT ME TO FOLLOW YOU?
TWIRL
TWIRL
WHA- WHAT IS THAT?!
TWIRL


THIS ALLEY?
SWOOSH
?!
GRAB

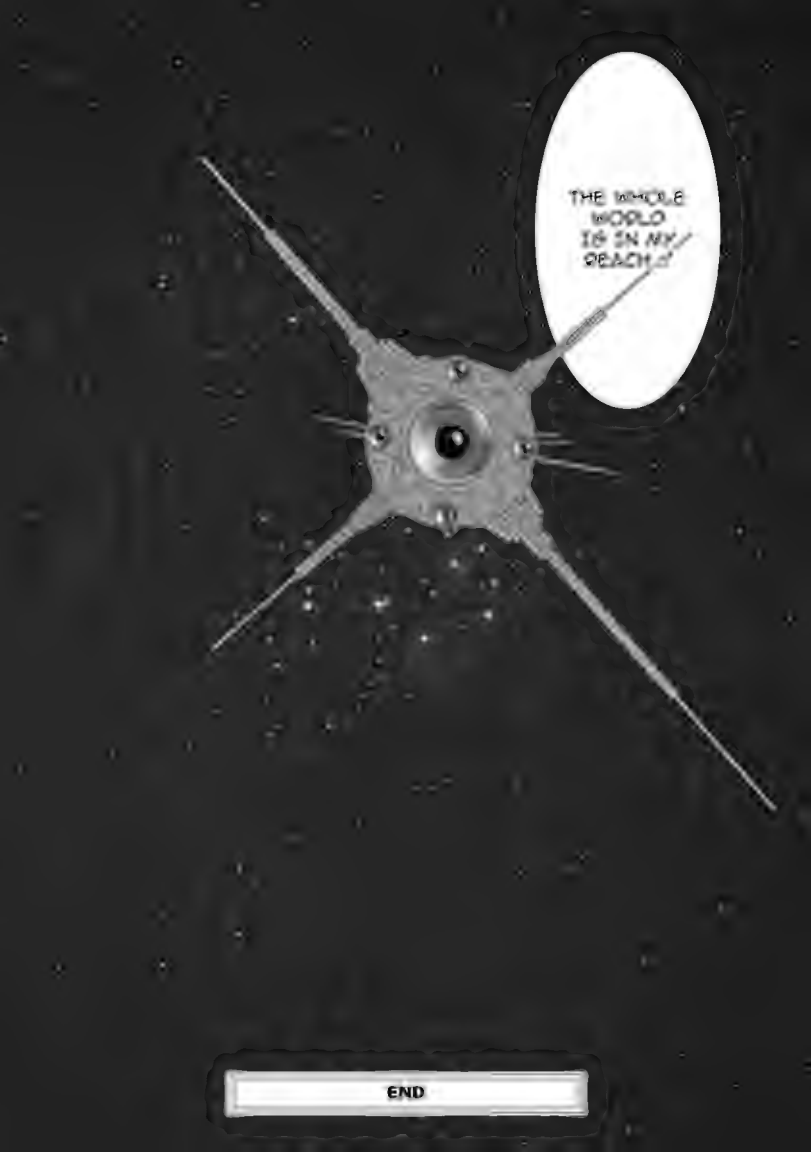

WHO IS IT?!
LET ME GO!!
SHAA
THUD
AGH!
COUGH
W-WAIT!
WAIT, KAI!
SORRY! I SURRENDER!


HERMES ...!
PHEW
DON'T STARTLE ME.
I HEARD YOU!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SURPRISED ME. I JUST SAW SOMEONE RUNNING TOWARDS ME IN A RUSH. I NEVER THOUGHT IT'D BE YOU.
BOING
THESE GUYS ARE MY LOOKOUT.
HOW DID YOU...?
SO... WHAT'S GOING ON WITH NOZOMI AND THE KIDS?


I KNOW EVERY-THING.
I'M A WIZARD.
HELP US.
PLEASE HELP US...
...DR. HERMES ...!


OOH!
YOU'RE HERE...!!
THE CHILDREN WITH THE GENES OF THE THREE MOON GODDESSES!
OH, YOU MUST BE TIRED. PLEASE, REST.
PLEASE EXCUSE THE VIOLENT MEANS I HAD TO USE.
GOOD WORK, BIHAN.
TEE ...
HEE HEE...


SEE THAT, RESINOS?!
THE TRUMP CARD IS FINALLY IN MY HAND!
THE SATELLITE THAT ONCE PROTECTED YOUR GRANDFATHER... ...IS NOW MINE!
WITH ITS POWER, I CAN CONTROL NOT ONLY THE FEDERATION...
...BUT THE WHOLE WORLD.
NOW...



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THAT DAY ...
...WAS VERY QUIET.
CLUNK
HERE. STEP OUT.
SCREECH
THIS IS IT.


THE SARUTO HQ.
A TERMINAL CONTROLLING ISIS IS IN THIS BUILDING. IT ONLY REACTS TO YOUR DNA, RIGHT?
THE HQS AT YOI-YAMI TOWN AND HIGH NOON ALSO HAVE SIMILAR TERMINALS.
WILL SOMA AND GYOKUTO BE SAFE ??
OF COURSE. THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY TO THEIR RESPECTIVE TERMINALS.
IT'S OKAY.
YOU WILL NOT BE HARMED...


NOW, LET'S HEAD INSIDE. THE SARUTO BRUTES?
THE BUILDING SEEMS TO BE EMPTY.
EMPTY ??
...AS LONG AS YOU ACTIVATE ISIS FOR ME.
IT WOULD SEEM THEY ABANDONED THE BUILDING AND MOVED TO ANOTHER TOWN.
MY, MY.
THAT'S GREAT.
WE CAN PUT OUR PLAN INTO ACTION WITHOUT INTERFERENCE FROM THAT GANG OF SAVAGES.
LET'S GO, NOZOMI.
I WANT TO MEET THE GODDESS.
CREAK


SO THIS IS THE ISIS TERMINAL SERENA
Ohhh...


O-OH. I SEE. GET ME THE TEAMS IN YOI-YAMI TOWN AND HIGH NOON.
SIR.
WAIT.
ALL THREE OF US NEED TO TOUCH THAT PLATE AT THE SAME TIME OR IT WON'T WORK.
WONDERFUL. HURRY UP, ACTIVATE IT!
THIS IS AKA-TSUKI.
HOW ARE THINGS THERE?
THIS IS HIGH NOON.
WE'RE READY HERE. ON YOUR MARK.


OH, NOTHING
JUST PLAYING BALL.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING >>
AHEM
KISS
KISS
THIS IS YOI-YAMI TOWN.
WE'RE FINALLY HERE.
ACCESS THE TERMINALS EXACTLY FIVE MINUTES FROM NOW.
GOOD.
WE'RE READY, AWAITING YOUR SIGNAL.


IT'S A LITTLE TOO QUIET.
BUT ... ISN'T IT A LITTLE WEIRD?
YEAH. THERE'S NO CROWD TO CONTROL HERE.
UGH, I'M SO BORED. THE MOBS ARE BEING QUIET.
IT'S LIKE A GHOST TOWN.
ONE.
TWO.
THREE.
FOUR.
FIVE.
WELL, THEN.
STARTING THE COUNT-DOWN.


BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
ACCESS !!
ZERO!!


PAT
WHOOM
OOHH
FINALLY
ISIS IS MINE
ISIS.


I'M TOTO.
YOUR WIZARD. YOUR GUARDIAN.
I'VE SENT YOU A COMMAND.
EXECUTE.
YES GUARDIAN
EXECUTING PROGRAM.
FLASH!!


SCREEECH
BOOOM


WHA-
WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING?!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
BOOOOOM
IT'S AN ATTACK!


WE'RE UNDER ATTACK.
ATTACK?! FROM WHERE?
FROM ABOVE!
THE SATELLITE IS ATTACKING US!!
WHAT?!
I NEVER GAVE THAT COMMAND!!
SHWP
YOU'VE DONE IT.
COME ON.
THIS WAY.
NOW!
KAI!

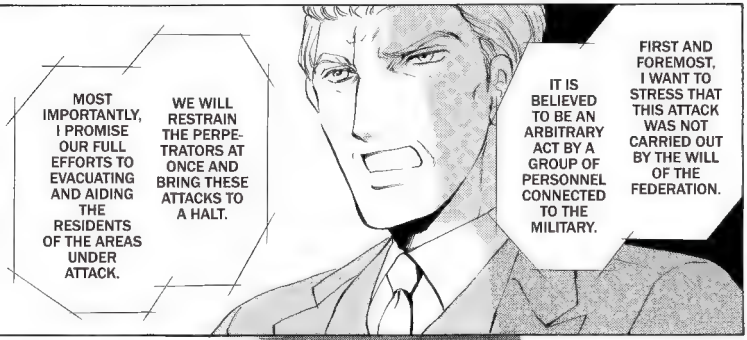

AAGH!
BOOOM
LOOK OUT!
GRAB
YEAH.
YOI-YAMI TOWN AND HIGH NOON ARE PROBABLY BEING ATTACKED TOO.
IT WAS YOU!
IS SOME-ONE WITH THE KIDS?
LEAVE HIM!
AND THE KID?
IT'S TOO DAN-GEROUS. LET'S GO!
BOOOM
COME WITH ME.
OH!
MR. GUY. BOY!


COME ON.
JEEZ.
PICK UP
RATRI REALLY COOKED UP THE MOTHER OF ALL PLANS THIS TIME.
WE'LL HAVE...
...ISIS ATTACK SARUTO'S HQ!


I'VE ALREADY CONTACTED YOI-YAMI TOWN AND HIGH NOON.
YOU BASTARD... YOU REALLY PLAN ON DOING THAT?!
WHAAT?!
HUH?!
THAT NATURALLY MEANS THAT YOI-YAMI TOWN AND HIGH NOON WILL BE ATTACKED AS WELL.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE CAN HAVE THE SATELLITE DESTROY THE TERMINALS.
BERNARDINO WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO ACTIVATE ISIS.
...WE HAVE TO GET AS MANY PEOPLE OUT FROM AKATSUKI, HIGH NOON, AND YOI-YAMI TOWN AS POSSIBLE.
BUT FIRST...
WE WILL EVACUATE THE CHILDREN AND IMMOBILE SICK PEOPLE THERE.
I DON'T WANT IT TO BE, BUT I FEEL LEFT OUT
OUR HQ WON'T BE ATTACKED?


WE'LL GIVE THE GOOD SENATOR AND HIS FEDERATE COLLEAGUES THE TOWN THEY WANTED. LET'S SHOW THEM WHAT PUTTING US UNDER MARTIAL LAW GOT THEM.
THE MEN CAN ESCAPE TO ANY NEARBY TOWN.
WE'LL GIVE THE TOWN UP.
REALLY ... SO RECKLESS.
LIVE
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING.
VO LI BEEP
THE SIN OF WAKING UP THE SLUMBERING GODDESS WILL WEIGH HEAVILY ON YOU, SENATOR.
LOOK.
IT'S TRUE THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE ASIDE FROM THOSE THREE KIDS WHO CAN ACCESS ISIS.
PLEASE HELP US, DR. HERMES! IT'S SOMETHING ONLY YOU AS THE CREATOR OF ISIS CAN DO!


THE ATTACK TOOK PLACE JUST AS THE MILITARY INTERVENTION OF THE TOWN HAS BEEN CALLED INTO QUESTION AS EXCESSIVE. WHAT DO THESE EVENTS MEAN? AH, IT SEEMS PRESIDENT RESINOS HAS JUST ISSUED A STATEMENT.
THE TOWN PUT UNDER MARTIAL LAW ONLY DAYS AGO HAS JUST BEEN ATTACKED BY A SATELLITE!


MOST IMPORTANTLY, I PROMISE OUR FULL EFFORTS TO EVACUATING AND AIDING THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREAS UNDER ATTACK.
WE WILL RESTRAIN THE PERPE-TRATORS AT ONCE AND BRING THESE ATTACKS TO A HALT.
IT IS BELIEVED TO BE AN ARBITRARY ACT BY A GROUP OF PERSONNEL CONNECTED TO THE MILITARY.
FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANT TO STRESS THAT THIS ATTACK WAS NOT CARRIED OUT BY THE WILL OF THE FEDERATION.


WHY...?
SENATOR! THE ARMY ISSUED A RETREAT ORDER!
SENATOR! YOUR ORDERS?
BOOM
WE NEED TO STOP HIM!
WHAT IS BERNAR-DINO DOING?!


BOOOM
SENATOR BERNARDINO! YOU MUST EVACUATE!!
STOP IT! STOP THE ATTACK!
NOZOMI! WHERE DID HE GO?!
I JUST
I ONLY WANTED ISIS...
...TO TARGET RESINOS
IT WASN'T ME
I DIDN'T GIVE THE ORDER.
STOP ISIIIS!!
WAAAAH
ORDERS FROM ABOVE!
ALL TROOPS, RETREAT!


IS THIS REALLY OKAY? THE TOWN IS DE-STROYED.
GUILT
FOR NOW WE NEED TO SECURE THE EVACUATION ROUTE. THE ATTACK IS STILL GOING ON. ASIDE FROM THE HQ, THE REST OF THE TOWN GOT OFF EASY.
LET'S GO
HERMES MADE SURE OF THAT.
BUT THE HQ...
IT'S GONE.
YEAH.
RATRI AND THE OTHERS HAVE THEIR PRIDE.
WE CAN REBUILD THE TOWN...
...BUT WE COULD NEVER LIVE UNDER FEDERATE OPPRESSION, OCCUPIED.
THE OTHERS AGREED.
HOW STUPID.
MAYBE. BUT...


IT'S SOMETHING RARI WOULD DO.
IT MADE ME HAPPY.
HEY! THEY'RE BACK!
YOU'RE LATE!
SORRY! WERE YOU WORRIED ??
HUH? OF COURSE NOT!
YOU WERE LATE SO I THOUGHT SOMETHING MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED, IS ALL!
OKAY. THANKS.
NOZOMI.
OH...


COYOTE...!!
ARE YOU FEELING BETTER?
YEAH. SORRY FOR WORRYING YOU.
DAMN RIGHT!
THANK GOD...!
GEEZ. SO CAREFREE.
THE WHOLE TOWN IS IN FLAMES
THERE, THERE.
...
WHERE'S RATRI?


HEY! KAI!
I'LL GO LOOK FOR HIM!
SORRY.
I'M SURE HE'S HERE SOME-WHERE.
HE BROUGHT COYOTE OVER AND I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE.
WHO KNOWS?
WHERE IS HE?
HM?
HE PROBABLY MET UP WITH THEM, BUT...
JAD AND THE OTHERS ARE HELPING WITH THE EVACUATION.
SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT...!
CLACK
...WOW.


THEY REALLY WENT ALL IN.
WELL, NOW BERNARDINO HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO LEAVE THIS PLACE BE.
THAT COWARD WILL HAVE TO ANSWER FOR WHAT HE'S DONE.
OH, IT'S BEAU-TIFUL.
THE FLAMES DANCING IN THE CITY...
THAT'S SOME-THING...
YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE, ISN'T IT?
CLACK






YOU'VE ALWAYS HATED THIS TOWN.
ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW?


YES, YOU'RE RIGHT.
I ALWAYS HATED THIS PLACE. I DON'T HAVE A SINGLE GOOD MEMORY ABOUT IT.
SO WHY IS IT...


WHY DO YOU LOVE THIS DIRTY, WAR-RIDDEN PLACE?
WE GREW UP TOGETHER, AFTER ALL.
...THAT YOU LOVE THIS TOWN?
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY.
YOU AND ME...
WE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT IT.
ARE YOU SURE?
SHWP


KA-CHAK
SAME TO YOU.
HE WILL CRY FOR YOU.
IF YOU TRULY WANT HIM, DON'T HOLD BACK.
SNICKER
YOU REALLY DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?


ALL
I'VE EVER
...
SWISH
TAP
SWOOP
...
WANTED
...


CLANG
WAS ...
YOUR LIFE!


IT'S NOT...
...MINE TO GIVE ANYMORE.
WHAM
IF IT WAS STILL ONLY YOU AND ME IN THIS TOWN...
...I MIGHT HAVE GIVEN IT TO YOU.
BUT NOW, I CAN'T.


I'VE FOUND SOME-ONE...
WHO'S MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN MY OWN LIFE.
YOU HAD THAT, TOO.
IT WASN'T...
...LIKE THAT WITH HIM.

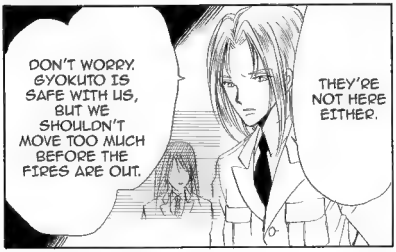

THE LOVE WAS NEVER REAL. I'M SURE HE'S FORGOTTEN IT BY NOW.
THE TIME WE SPENT TOGETHER WAS UNREAL. SWEET AND GENTLE.
I STILL CARE FOR HIM, THOUGH...
YES.
I'LL JUST KILL YOU AND HAVE HIM FOR MYSELF.
SHWIP
SHOOSH
WELL, THEN...
I DEFINITELY CAN'T DIE.

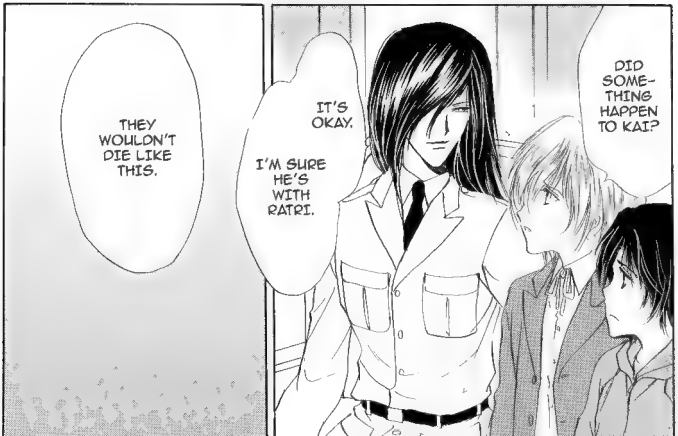

RA-
STING
RATRI!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
LET'S PLAY.
BIHAN.


NO, THOSE TWO WILL PROBABLY FIGHT...
EXACTLY BECAUSE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.
THIS TOWN...
...IS WHO ... THEY ARE.
...
I NEED TO FIND THEM.
NO.
AT A TIME LIKE THIS...?
DON'T TELL ME RATRI IS WITH HER...
STING
MARIA'S CHIP.
STING
IS SHE NEARBY?


I HAVE TO...


WHAT?! KAI HASN'T COME BACK?!
HE WENT TO LOOK FOR RATRI AND HASN'T COME BACK.
STAY THERE. I'LL GO LOOK FOR THEM.
CAN'T BE HELPED!


THEY'RE NOT HERE EITHER.
DON'T WORRY. GYOKUTO IS SAFE WITH US, BUT WE SHOULDN'T MOVE TOO MUCH BEFORE THE FIRES ARE OUT.


DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO KAI?
IT'S OKAY. I'M SURE HE'S WITH RATRI.
THEY WOULDN'T DIE LIKE THIS.


WHEN THEY DIE, IT'LL BE...


RATRI
!!
COUGH
WHERE ARE YOU RATRI?
MARIA...


DAD!?
HE'S NOT HERE.
KAI IS MISSING TOO?!
WHAT ARE THOSE TWO DOING...?
LEAVE THEM BE. THEY'RE PROBABLY OFF SOMEWHERE FIGHTING.
YANG.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, HAS EVERYONE EVACUATED? PLEASE MAKE SURE.
THE TOWN IS ON FIRE.
OH.


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RATRI!
RATRI!
WHERE ARE YOU?!
COUGH
THE FLAMES ARE SPREADING QUICKLY.
IT LOOKS LIKE ISIS HAS CEASED ITS ATTACK, BUT...
THE PAIN IS GETTING STRONGER.
!!
ズキン
SING
ズキン
THROB
ズキン
THROB
MARIA IS CLOSE BY. AND...


SHE'S FIGHTING RATRI.
I HAVE TO GO.
THEY NEED ME...


DAMN IT. ALWAYS MAKING TROUBLE.
WHERE ARE THEY?
COULD THEY HAVE BEEN CAUGHT IN THE FIRE?
THEY'RE NOT LIKE THAT.
THEY'RE USED TO DIRT LIKE THIS.
CLANK!!!


CLANG
KA
CLING
CLINK
...
THIS TAKES ME BACK.


PRAC-
TICING
KILLING
PEOPLE.
WE USED
TO SPAR
LIKE THIS
A LOT.
WE GOT
REALLY
GOOD
AT IT.
YES.
THAT'S
WHY...
ON THIS
ROUGH,
BLOOD-
SOAKED
BATTLE-
GROUND.
YOU SHARE
A SOUL WITH
THIS TOWN.
COURAGEOUSLY
PLOWING
THROUGH
EACH DAY,
THE
PREVIOUS
BOSS,
KAGURA,
WANTED
YOU AS HIS
SUCCESSOR.


...YOU CAN'T GIVE UP ON ME, CAN YOU?
CLANK
I TOLD YOU!!
CLANG
I WANT TO DESTROY YOU!
AND THIS TOWN ALONG WITH YOU!!
CLANG
DIE!
IF I JUST DEFEAT YOU...
...I WILL BE SET FREE!
SLASH


STOP IT.
BOTH OF YOU.
THUNK
RATRI !!


WHY WOULD YOU DO THIS NOW?


MARIA.
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.
YOU TWO ARE SIBLINGS ...


KAI. STAND DOWN.
I WILL NOT!
DON'T INTER-VENE!
YES, OR ELSE...
BEEP
UAAGH ?!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
KAI...!
!!
SHWIP
....!
SLUMP


SHWIP
STUMBLE
?!
BOOM
DON'T MOVE.


KAI.
RATRI.
MARIA ...
NO...
UH-UH, NO MOVING.
HE KNOWS IT, TOO.


I GUARANTEE YOU MY BLADE WILL BE FASTER THAN YOURS.
I'LL SLIT HIS THROAT BEFORE YOU CAN MOVE.
MARIA, PLEASE...!
MARIA.
PLEASE STOP.
LOOKS LIKE THE HIGH VOLTAGE CURRENT WORKED.
YOUR ARMS SHOULD STILL BE NUMB.
KAI.
I'LL GIVE YOU ONE MINUTE.
DURING THAT MINUTE...
FLING YOUR CHAIN, AIM FOR MY FOREHEAD.
WHA-


...THIS IS STUPID.
YOU, SHUT UP.
I MIGHT ALSO REACT INSTINC- TIVELY AND RELEASE HIM AND RUN.
IT'S YOUR CHOICE.
TRUE. I MIGHT.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU'D DIE.
I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE.
IF YOU WANT TO SAVE HIM, YOU NEED TO KILL ME.
YOU DO LOVE HIM, DON'T YOU?
WE CAN'T LIVE THE WAY YOU WANT US TO.
NOW CHOOSE, KAI!!
YOU...


IT'S YOU OR RATRI.
CLENCH
FIVE SECONDS.
TEN SECONDS.
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.
STOP, KAI.
YOUR MINUTE IS ALMOST UP.
OH NO.
YOU WANT ME TO CHOOSE NO MATTER WHAT?
I...
FOUR.
THREE.
TWO.
ONE.
ZERO.


BLAM
WHA-


WHAM
BIHAN !!
THUP
BANG
CLATTER
CLATTER
LOOK OUT...!
SWISH


SWOOP
NO!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE


MARI-
-A!
LEAVE HER.
YOU WON'T MAKE IT.

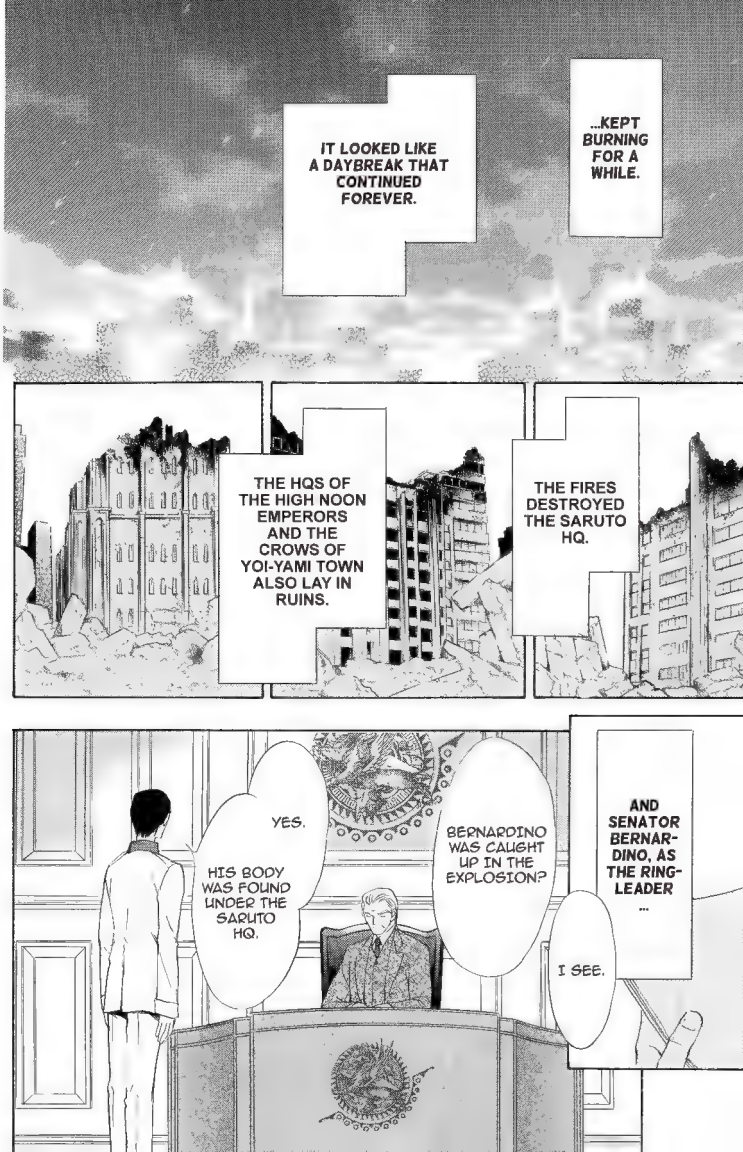
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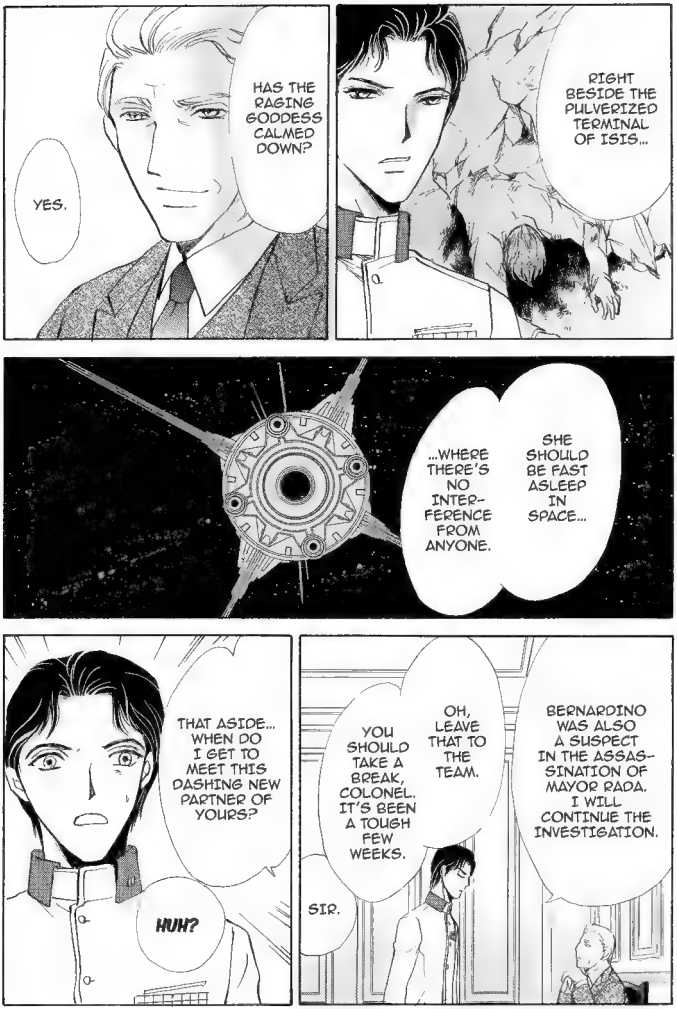

EVERYONE CALLS THE TOWN BY ITS NAME IN THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE, SO THAT THIS CITY HAS LOST ITS NAME.
IN THE LANGUAGE OF MY DISTANT RELATIVE THEY CALL IT BIHAN.
I HATE THAT WORD, THOUGH.
WHEN I LEFT THE CITY I HATED AND CAME HERE, I WAS ABLE TO MEET YOU.
MARIA ...

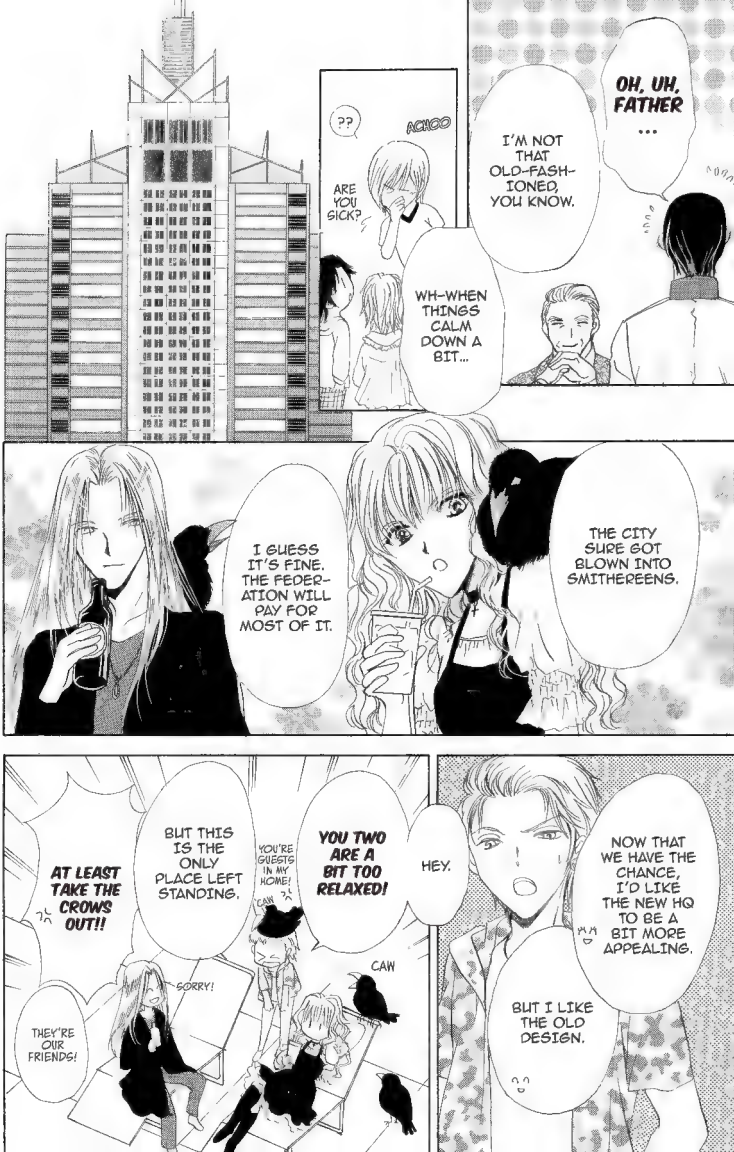

I LOVE YOU, MY DARLING KAI.
...DON'T CRY.
SHE ALWAYS ...
...WANTED TO DIE BY YOUR HAND.
HEY... WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON HERE?
CRUNCH


YES ...
YOU SAVED US.
ANYWAY ...
...WAS I RIGHT TO SHOOT HER?
NINO ...
IT'S NOT LIKE ...
...I REALLY SAVED YOU.
I JUST TOOK REVENGE FOR MY BROTHER.

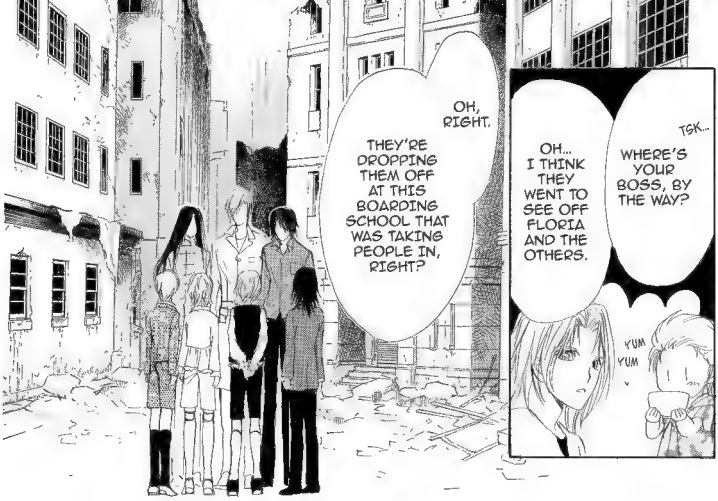

THE TOWN ...
HEY. LET'S GO. EVERY-ONE'S WOR-RIED.
YEAH.


IT LOOKED LIKE A DAYBREAK THAT CONTINUED FOREVER.
...KEPT BURNING FOR A WHILE.
THE HQS OF THE HIGH NOON EMPERORS AND THE CROWS OF YOI-YAMI TOWN ALSO LAY IN RUINS.
THE FIRES DESTROYED THE SARUTO HQ.
AND SENATOR BERNARDINO, AS THE RING-LEADER ...
BERNARDINO WAS CAUGHT UP IN THE EXPLOSION?
YES. HIS BODY WAS FOUND UNDER THE SARUTO HQ.
I SEE.


HAS THE RAGING GODDESS CALMED DOWN?
YES.
RIGHT BESIDE THE PULVERIZED TERMINAL OF ISIS...
SHE SHOULD BE FAST ASLEEP IN SPACE...
...WHERE THERE'S NO INTER-FERENCE FROM ANYONE.
BERNARDINO WAS ALSO A SUSPECT IN THE ASSAS-SINATION OF MAYOR RADA. I WILL CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION.
OH, LEAVE THAT TO THE TEAM.
YOU SHOULD TAKE A BREAK, COLONEL. IT'S BEEN A TOUGH FEW WEEKS.
SIR.
THAT ASIDE... WHEN DO I GET TO MEET THIS DASHING NEW PARTNER OF YOURS?
HUH?


OH, UH, FATHER ...
I'M NOT THAT OLD-FASHIONED, YOU KNOW.
WH-WHEN THINGS CALM DOWN A BIT...
??
ACHOO
ARE YOU SICK?
THE CITY SURE GOT BLOWN INTO SMITHEREENS.
I GUESS IT'S FINE. THE FEDERATION WILL PAY FOR MOST OF IT.
NOW THAT WE HAVE THE CHANCE, I'D LIKE THE NEW HQ TO BE A BIT MORE APPEALING.
BUT I LIKE THE OLD DESIGN.
HEY.
YOU TWO ARE A BIT TOO RELAXED!
YOU'RE GUESTS IN MY HOME!
CAW
CAW
CAW
BUT THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE LEFT STANDING.
AT LEAST TAKE THE CROWS OUT!!
SORRY!
THEY'RE OUR FRIENDS!


AN EMERGENCY KITCHEN, TOO?!
MAKE A LINE!
TIME TO EAT, EVERYONE !!
MM.
SHE'S COOKING WITH OUR SUPPLIES!!
THERE, THERE.
GRANDMA YANG'S FOOD IS GREAT!
EAT UP!
GRAMS! I LIKE YOU! YOU'RE STAYING WITH US!!
RIGHT ??
IT... IT'S GOOD...
I WOULD DESTROY YOU, KID!!


OH, RIGHT.
THEY'RE DROPPING THEM OFF AT THIS BOARDING SCHOOL THAT WAS TAKING PEOPLE IN, RIGHT?
OH... I THINK THEY WENT TO SEE OFF FLORIA AND THE OTHERS.
TSK..
WHERE'S YOUR BOSS, BY THE WAY?
YUM YUM

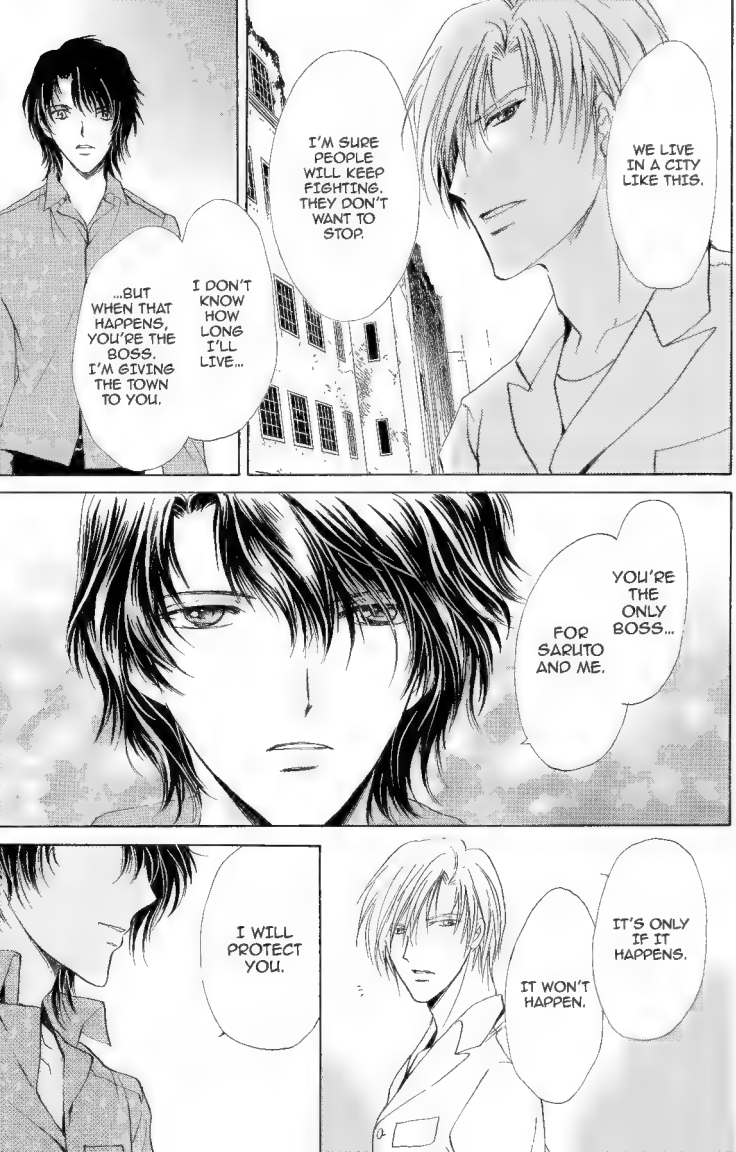

HEY... IF THE BOSS OF HIGH NOON IS GOING TO SOME BOARDING SCHOOL, WHO WILL LEAD THEM?
HE'S THE NEXT BOSS, RIGHT?
??
WHO KNOWS ??
GUESS
SORRY FOR EVERY-THING, KAI.
ALSO, THANK YOU.


YEAH.
TAKE CARE, FLORIA.
GLANCE
I SUPPOSE I NEED TO THANK YOU TOO, RATRI.
GO LEARN SOME MANNERS IN SCHOOL, KID.
BUT I'VE BEEN MORE OF A GENTLEMAN THAN YOU!
ANYWAY, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HIGH NOON?
HAVE YOU APPOINTED ANYONE?
NOT YET. SO...
TUG
CAN I HAVE HIM?
AS THE BOSS OF HIGH NOON.


JIN?!
WAIT UP.
I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THIS!
ISN'T IT A GOOD IDEA?
IF YOU'RE THE BOSS OF HIGH NOON, YOU'D BE EQUAL WITH RATRI.
WELL...
THAT CERTAINLY IS APPEALING.
HEY.
YOU'RE ONE OF THE BIG FOUR, REMEMBER?
HERE...
TAKE IT BACK.
THANKS FOR EVERY-THING.


I WILL BECOME A MAN WORTHY OF YOU AT HIGH NOON.
I'LL COME AND STEAL YOU AWAY ONE DAY.
KAI.
JIN. WILL YOU REALLY ...?
HUH...?
OH... TOO BAD.
SAVE


I'M PRETTY SURE BY THEN, HE'LL BE THE NEW BOSS OF SARUTO.
HA HA. I LOVE IT!
YOU'VE GOT TO WORK HARD, JIN.
YES.
UNTIL NEXT TIME.
BOW
RATRI, WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?
IT WAS DECIDED LONG AGO.
HUH?!


WE LIVE IN A CITY LIKE THIS.
I'M SURE PEOPLE WILL KEEP FIGHTING. THEY DON'T WANT TO STOP.
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'LL LIVE...
...BUT WHEN THAT HAPPENS, YOU'RE THE BOSS. I'M GIVING THE TOWN TO YOU.
YOU'RE THE ONLY BOSS... FOR SARUTO AND ME.
IT'S ONLY IF IT HAPPENS.
IT WON'T HAPPEN.
I WILL PROTECT YOU.


I WILL PROTECT YOU...
...AND WE WILL ALWAYS LIVE ON TOGETHER.
IN THIS CITY.

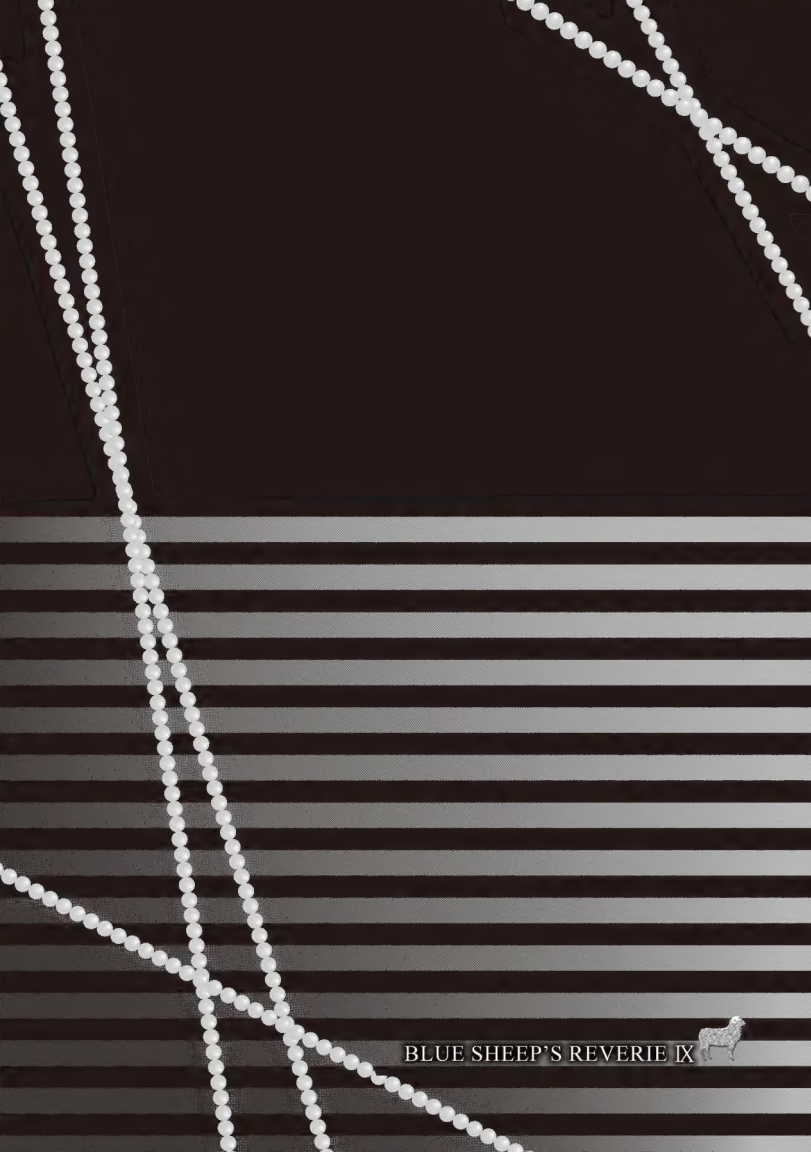

YOU SAY SOME CHEEKY STUFF THESE DAYS.
I HAD A GOOD TEACHER.
YES ...
I MIGHT NOT DIE.
AND... SHE'S NOT DEAD EITHER.
HUH?
WE'RE TWINS.
IF SHE DIES, I'LL FEEL IT. SHE'S PROBABLY ALIVE.


TUG
...JEEZ.
SO...
...DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW JEALOUS IT MAKES ME?
WHEN YOU CRY LIKE THAT FOR HER...
RATRI?


I LOVE YOU.
YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?
MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THIS WORLD.
ONLY THE CENTERS OF HIS EYES ARE DARK BLUE.
JUST LIKE THE BLUE STONE IN THE RING THAT BROUGHT ME HERE...
...THEY'RE SHINING.
ME TOO.


MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.
THIS WHOLE TIME HAS FELT LIKE...


I LOVE YOU.
...A NEVER-ENDING DREAM.
END


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